

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is awarding a \$163,884 grant to the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA). The money will be used to establish an economic development planning framework and strategy that will support private capital investment and job creation.

OMEGA covers an area made up of Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshoctan, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum and Tuscarawas counties. Belmont, Columbiana and Jefferson counties are in Wilson's Congressional District. The comprehensive economic development strategy process is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic development roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy. EDA serves as a venture capital resource to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the U.S.

"OMEGA does great work in our area and I'm pleased to see that with this grant will help it continue," Wilson said.

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